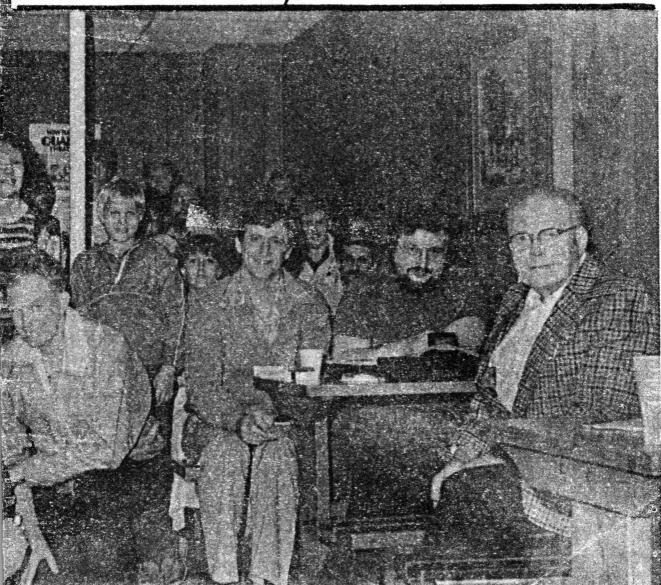


# SINCLAIR USERS GROUP

THE NEUSLETTER OF THE

## Victoria Sync Association



THE MESSAGE FROM THE PRES .....

The rains have come.. a fire burns merrily in the hearth.. an eery light flickers from a darkened room.. IT MUST BE COMPUTER TIME. Yes, the elections are over, the kids are back in school, the wife has had a few days of relaxation, and its time to think of some serious computing. Our September meeting will include the election of officers for the coming year. As we want to continue in our normal unorganized fashion, it will be important to install a group of sterling individuals to carry on our traditions. So come prepared to exercise your democratic perogatives. We certainly should be practised up. The rains have come.. practised up.

The last newsletter was late, but was it great. Our thanks to all those who contributed. The newsletter is the biggest thing the club does, it goes to all corners, and is one of the only methods some people have of keeping up with what is happening to the SINCLAIR computers. Those of you who haven't had a chance to do something for it, we'll be looking to you for support. looking to you for support.

Speaking of things SINCLAIR, there is a dearth of copy in the American magazines, but lots in the English ones. I received my promised copies of CREATIVE COMPUTING last week. If there was anything in them about Sinclair, I sure missed it. Disappointed, is putting it mildly. And they were over two months late. The latest copy of YOUR COMPUTER supports the ZX81 and has some neat programs that fit on the 2068. Those of you with CBM64, VIC20, or ATARI gear, there is great stuff in it for you too. you too.

See you at the MEETING....

NO vou're not seeing double, there really are two (2) count 'em again - Presidents in our Club! Our Vancouver members have elected their own. This could be the begining of a wonderfull relationship, for all our club members. There are still two groups At Present, we could become 5 or 6 groups or whatever and co-ordinate our mutual activities much like the 3 Bay Area groups do.

I am the President of the Timex/Sinclair User's Group of Vancouver.

A few members from our own group have contacted me to say that they have joined your esteemed group. They were station that your group has a good section of TS 2068 Users. own stating

In our group we have about 15 or so members with the T/5 2068, that we know of. I have been told that your group has sold quite a few TS 2068 around Vancouver. It would be appreciated if you could forward the names to us so that we could contact them on possible member ship if some are not already.

There was also talk about the ZX Spectrum Rom being used on the TS 2068 by your group. Do you have a Board with the ZX Spectrum Rom with which you can switch from the TS 2068 to the ZX Spectrum. If you do I would appreciate knowing the Price of this unit.

I am awaiting the receipt of the EMULATOR from the Triangle Sinclair User Group in the U.S. On talking to Mr. D. DEWEy of this group he has told me that my EMULATOR has been shipped to me. I am expecting it any day now.

You will also please find enclosed a Postal Money-Order for the sum of \$10.00 (Ten Dollars) for which please accept me as a member in your esteemed group.

Sincerely yours,

· Lussier

R. Lussier (808) President

Timex/Sinclair User's Group of Vancouver

NOTICE OF NEXT MEETING - Thurs. Oct. 11, 1984 at Bee-Gee's 7:PM. - AGENDA Course registrations Some Demos t.b.a. demos planned soon for C-64, Apple CP/M(DBII-WORDSTAR-SUPERCALC) Ö

OUT OF OUR LAST MEETING - Sec's Report, Sept. 13, 1984

Allison's excellent coffee was ready, but she wasn't there yet. While we were signing up new members an taking in last minute dues. What follows is my Swan Song, continued further, on some other page will be the August Report.

Changes The times have forced me and others to survive, to hope for better times and recolour the dream with a bit more drab in the shades of expectations. But yet there is optomism...The White House Players Association may yet stage a new play of global boredom rather than tension...The Trudeau Clone by Tory has proved more compatable to the masses than the new Liberal Blue Chip Model...Likewise Computer "fruit" sales outnumber "Blue" sales, even though the stats are out of sync any way you look at it.

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Dur own election was a hard battle. Polarized between the Radical Procrastinators and the Reactionary Apathists it was hard to teil who didn't lose. At 8:05 I the Secretary / Treasurer, presided and called the quarum to order (there were a few more than that and paid up too). What power! (Dictator at last). I got on the job of elections with the help of Serry Christie and called for nominations. Of the top postions Gerry tossed his hat in for Secretary. The office of Secretary/Treasurer split to that of a Secretary and that of a Treasurer, Brian Fowler and Howard Millar tossed in as Directors. The incumbants were acclaimed (Rail-Roaded) to serve as before, with the exception of myself, making contest to be Treasurer.

Is Humbhries and Russel Gaudin closed nominations. Raiph Kerslake and Ron Main moved to use a slate vote, which carried unaniaously. Even I remembered to put up my hand after everybody else raised theirs. The eight (8) elected to the New Juanta were: His Excellency Presidente' Dave Curry followed by Vice-Fresident Stu Montgomery, Sec. Gerry Christie, Treas. Dee anoclingin and Directs. Brian Fowler, Howard Millar, Bob Clark, Julian Greenwood.

Long Live the Revolution, Viva Sync Viva!

The proposition to put "religious" programs on every computer failed to get on the ballot, as did the "Right to Frogram Life" die from lack of tack-up batteries, only androids and romots were barred from voting.

New Susiness: Education (of Members)

Serry took down info on members volenteering to put on cellular Education calandars. If five or more instructors, each out on lessons (1 to 6 hours - over several sessions) and each instructor circulated over groups of 4 or more students in different homes, where each instructor would repeat to each group his same lesson of specialty. Gerry keeps track and schedules these events until the education committee can be resurected. See Gerry

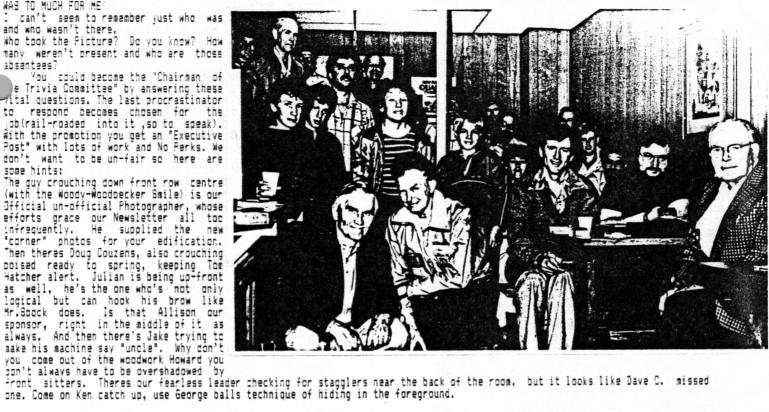
THE EXCITEMENT OF THE ANNIVERSARY WAS TO MUCH FOR ME

I can't seem to remember just who was and who wasn't there.
Who took the Picture? Do you know? How

weren't present and who are those absentees?

You could become the 'Chairman e Trivia Committee" by answering these ital questions. The last procrastinator to respond becomes chosen for the job(rail-roaded into it, so to speak). With the promotion you get an "Executive Post" with lots of work and No Perks. We don't want to be un-fair so here are some hints:

The guy crouching down front row centre (with the Woody-Woodpecker Smile) is our Official un-official Photographer, whose efforts grace our Newsletter all too infrequently. He supplied the new "corner" photos for your edification. Then theres Doug Couzens, also crouching poised ready to spring, keeping Too.



#### GREETINGS FROM THE NEW SECRETARY.

It is finally arrived. The excellence with which the former It is finally arrived. The excellence with which the former executive of the monthly newsletter and the efforts of those who submitted articles, questions, opinions and informnation has led to a remarkable increase in subscribers, and members. The logistics of the situation on the position of Ireasurer/Secretary(editor of the newsletter) neccessitated a split in the responsibilitys. As your new Secretary I will strive to continue the legacy of excellence I inherited September 13,1984. It cannot be done unless the membership as a whole continue to express their ideas through publication. By the I'm Gerry Christie, and my major qualification for the job was an availability of free time, and a passion for 'computing', the fact I like to see my name in print had nothing to do with my campaigning so vigorously for office.

The fracition of printing articles without censorship, nence proof-reading...unless requested, will continue. Please note that submissions arriving later than two weeks before a meeting will appear in the subsequent month's Newsletter, period.

My main 'workhorse-computer' is an Apple Clone called a Miracle, m' purchase of the T/S 1000 came later, so did the 64K Gladstone memory pack. So for those out of towners requesting information I hope to set up a 'Foreign Correspondence' column in which our local residents who are more familiar with your particular 'buo' can respond. In relation to that there will be run in conjunction a "Guestion" column to give those of us locals without soloutions a chance to share their expertise. executive of the monthly newsletter and the efforts of

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IF YOU ARE A MEMBER LOOK FOR A YELLOW VAI PARKING LOT AT SHOPPING CENTRE AT 1 ER, YOU CAN VAN ON THE ROYAL-OAK PARKING LOT AT ROYAL-OM.
SHOPPING CENTRE AT 1:00 P.M.,
MONDAY TO FRIDAY. I WOULD
SUGGEST THAT YOU HAVE WITH YOU;
A BATTERY OPERATEDTAPE RECORDER,
AND A SAME TO SOONER
MY LUNCH HOUR COPYING A PROGRAM,
ONTO A "FIFTY-CENT-SPECIAL",
THEN FORGET IT. I WOULD SOONER
WASTE MY TIME IN A PUB. ING TO A
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IS MY ADDRESS;
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DAVE SKAALRUD, NO.36, 10070 FIFTH ST., SIDNEY, B.C. USL 2X9 CANADA. PHONE (604) 656-5879

ZX81/15 TWO 64K AND AND MY HARDWARE; EIGHT ZX81/TS
1000, FIVE 16K RAMPACKS, TWO 64K
RAMPACKS, ONE 2040 PRINTER, AND
NO DESIRE TO OWN A "OL" OR A
"2068", SO IF YOU KNOW ANYONE
WHO WISHES TO KEEP UP WITH THE
ANTIQUES, PLEASE PASS THE ABOVE
INFO TO THEM. WHO KNOWS, 20
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"TOYS".
YOURS TRULY, NOW, PEOPLE USING

DAVE SKAALRUD

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The Table is an example of some of the output of the program Dave Skaalrud put together called "HEXER". It will take Decimal numbers and convert them to Hexagecimal or Hex numbers of 4 Hex digits and convert them to Decimal. The print function will print out a range from a decimal root to a line of five 4-digit Hex numbers. On the next page, you will see some examples of single antries \*\*\*TAKE NOTE: if you overflow FFFF+n the Hex output will roll-over to 5000+n a handy feature when calculating addresses.

TABLE							
959595959595959 511223334455665778	5AF49E38DQ7C1588 9991112QQQ33334445 99999999999999999	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	7016B05AF49E38D0 00111222223334445 00000000000000000000000000000000	80870468850FF49855 99441488355534445 999999999999999999999999999999	98380270168855414 89111222333344445 99888888888888 9988888888888		

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9: DO YOU KNOW WHY SIR CLIVE STOPPED SIVING AWAY A SPEECH PROGRAM WITH EVERY ZX81 SOLOT

A: BECAUSE IT HOULD ONLY SPEEK IN BROK ENGLISH AND ONLY IF IT COULD BE LOADED

HINTS FROM HELDISE.

ON THESE HOT SUMMER NIGHTS I
TWO ZX81'S CAN HOLD BOTH MY I
AND MY BACK DOOR OPEN AT THE
AND PROVIDE ME WITH A FRONT SAME TIME REFRESHING BREEZE

MRS J.T.. CRANMORE ALT.

DEAR MRS J.T.
THANKS FOR THE WONDERFUL TIP.
ZX81 HAS ALSO SERVED AS A WONDER
WHEEL WEDGE WHEN CHANGING A FLAT ON WONDERFUL MY

DISLAIMER NOTICE: THE ABOVE WAS WRITTEN BY: TWO SINCLAIR ENTHUSIASTS AND SHOULD BE TAKEN IN A HUMEROUS VEIN. THEY WISH TO REMAIN NAMELESS AS THEY ARE AFRAID OF THE POSSIBLE REPERCUSSIONS FROM SINCLAIR FANS AROUND THE WORLD.

WE THE AUTHORS ARE BENUINELY FEARFUL OF WHAT COULD POSSIBLY HAPPEN WHEN THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO GOES WILDLY ECSTATIC JUST BECAUSE THEIR SO CALLED COMPUTER LOADS SUCCESSFULLY, MIGHT BE PROVOKED.

P.S.: MABY YOU'VE GOT DIRT ON YOUR HEAD?



#### SUBMITTED BY DOUG COUZENS

RESTORE

by Doug Couzens

On pages 108 and 109 of the T52068 User's Manual is a program illustrating the READ and DATA functions. On page 110 a step is to be added which is to illustrate the Use of the RESTORE function in such a program. Unforetunately as presented it wont work. I was convinced that the RESTORE function on my computor wouldn't work.

After consulting with Uncle Jake, the light went on. Whis required is to direct the execution of the program to RESTORE at the approriate time and then to go back to the Richard What to time

To do this enter a null stafter "OSLO" in Step 120:-Enter a new step, step 25 IF A\$=" " THEN GO TO 200. get back to read the data another new step, step 210 GOTO 20. string. enter

Another method of accomplishing the same thing without a string array is illustrated using the program in Chapter 18: "User Defined Graphics" as a basis:

FOR n=0 TO 7 STOP READ a: POKE USR "q"+n,a 10 11 STOP
20 READ a: POKE USR "q"+n,a
30 NEXT n
40 RESTORE
50 GO TO 10
50 DATA BIN 01000000,BIN 01000
100,BIN 01001000,BIN 01010000,BI
N 00101010,BIN 01001010,BIN 0000
1111,BIN 00000010

Of course in both the cases illustrated you end up in an endless loop (only a pause in the first case when the screen gets full.) I'll leave it up to you to extradite yourself. Ò۴

UPGRADE? What do you do with the old system and the old software? When you start thinking your old stuff is absolate someone comes along with a utility that blows that pessimistic opinion. All the files and programs, in theory can, be uploaded from a 1000 to a 2068; where they can be edited to remain usefull. Some programs will take more work than it is worth and to re-enter a translation may be faster...but what about something newer on the 1000 or IX81 some files did not seem practicle but with a 2068 as a destination the 1000 or even a IX80 (or a micro-ace) with only it can be practacle as a data entry to tape system, using some of the fast/save techniques. Many of the programs entered on the early models were for study but not used extensively because of speed and other considerations. These can be uploaded to be usefull on a system hard to develop software on. This technique is most popular in all areas of computing and software piracy. For example the executive toy known as the blue has had a bulk of its software which runs in 8088 native code uploaded from 8080 code often the translation done on the assembly language source code of the original program. Any program routines that are debugged from an earlier machine can be implemented on a later machine and even on a totally differnt family of native code machine. If one used a Sinclair version of "C" it could be run on mainframe computers without any changes. I hope to encourage our members and readers to use their imagination and maintain the value and respect for their machines that they have and to their programs and data files. Much of this early work is a valueable store of source material that is vital to the development and evoloution of new systems. That little program idea that works on your machine but just doesn't run fast enough or doesn't display as nicely as you like could be the WGRDSTAR or DBASCII of the system of tommorrow. Before the Z80 processor took over CP/M an 3080 word Master was the pre-cursor to WGRDSTAR version 2 and the same f

9999 = 270F

CONTINUED FROM PASE...2

65535 = FFFF

12345 = 3039

0 = 0000

10 = 000A

1 = 0001 16514 = 4082

345 = 0159

903 = 0387

8192 = 2000

DAVE "HEXER" PU DAVE SKAALRUD --CLS 13SAVE "HEXER" PUT TOGETHER BY

23 3 PRINT "1>SINGLE NUMBER",,"2

4 PAUSE 5 IF IN 4E4

INKEY\$="1" THEN GOTO 351

6 IF INKEY \$="2" THEN GOTO 400

7 GOTO 4
8 REM AT PROMPT, INPUT ANY
NUMBER FROM Ø TO 65535 AND YOU
WILL GET A FOUR CHARACTER HEX
NUMBER ON THE SCREEN.
190 LET TS2=0
200 LET NCOD=28+20\*TS2
210 GOTO 3000
310 LET Y=INT (X/16)
320 LET Y=X-Y\*16
330 LET H\$=H\$+CHR\$ (NCOD+Y+7\*(Y)9)\*TS2)+CHR\$ (NCOD+Z+7\*(Z)9)\*TS2)

>9) \* 2040 3550 3550 3550 3500 3400 RETURN

(J/256)

RETURN
REM HEXER
LET X=INT (J/2
GOSUB 310
LET X=J-256\*X
GOSUB 310
LET H\$=H\$+" "
RETURN
INPUT J
LET H\$=""
GOSUB 350
SCROLL

400 410 3510 3520

3520 LET H\$=
3580 GOSUB 350
3581 SCROLL
3582 PRINT H\$
3600 PRINT H\$
3600 GOTO 3510
4000 INPUT J
4005 LET F=0
4010 LPRINT TAB 0; J; " "; TAB 7;
4020 FOR L=1 TO 5
4030 LPRINT H\$;
4040 LPRINT H\$;
4045 LET H\$=""
4046 LET J=J+1
4050 LET F=F+1
4050 LET F=F+1
4050 LET F=F+1
4050 LET F=F+1
4050 GOTO 4010
5000 LPRINT , "",

#### Stu's Data-Base...Final Chapter.

8410 LET D(I,1)=J 8410 LET D(I,1)=J 8420 LET J=J+A 8430 LET D(I,2)=J-1 8440 NEXT I 8450 LET J=J-1 8450 LET N=0 8470 LET AVAL=PEEK 16386+256\*PEE K 16387-PEEK 16412-258\*PEEK 1641 8480 LET M=INT ((AVAL-N1\*(32-L+1 0450 LE: M=IN: ((HUHL-N1\*(32-L+1 2))/J) 8490 CLS 8500 PRINT "MAX. NUMBER RECORDS POSSIBLE IS";TAB 0;"APPROX. ";M; AT 3,0;">ENTER RECORDS EXPECTED: "; 8510 INPUT A 8520 LET A=INT A 8530 IF A>0 AND A<=M THEN LET M= 8540 IF A>0 AND A>M THEN GOSUB 8 500 8550 IF A>0 AND A>M THEN GOTO 84 90 90 8560 DIM I\$(M,J) 8570 PRINT A;AT 6,(32-LEN X\$)/2; X\$;TAB (32-LEN S\$)/2;S\$;AT 10,10; ;"LIST SET UP" 8580 GOSUB 9200 8590 RETURN 8600 PRINT AT 12,0;"NUMBER IS TO 0 LARGE FOR MEMORY";TAB 0;"AVAIL ABLE" ABLE"
8610 FOR X=1 TO 100
8620 NEXT X
8630 RETURN
8700 CLS
8710 PRINT AT 12,0;"PRINT FIELD
NAMES? 60 OR 50 "
8720 IF INKEY\$="Y" THEN GOTO 875 8730 IF INKEY\$="N" THEN GOTO 877 GOTO 8720
LET F=1
RETURN
LET F=0
RETURN
REM LIST FIELDS
LET V=LEN X\$
PRINT TAB (32-V) /2; X\$;
GOSUB 9080
LET V=LEN S\$
PRINT TAB (32-V) /2; Z\$;
PRINT TAB (32-V) /2; Z\$; ō 8740 8750 8750 8760 8770 8780 9000 9010 9030 9040 9050 9060 9070 9080 9090 9100 9110 9110 IF V=LEN X\$ THEN RETURN 9120 PRINT AT 5,11; "LIST FIELDS" ;AT 8,0; 9130 FOR I=1 TO N1 9140 PRINT N\$(I); 9150 IF I=1 THEN LET Y=D(I,2) 9160 IF I>=2 THEN LET Y=D(I,2)-D (I-1,2) 9170 IF Y<10 THEN PRINT TAB 16; " ";Y;" CHR\$ " 9180 IF Y>9 THEN PRINT TAB 16; " ";Y;" CHR\$ " CHR\$ "
CHR\$ "
CHR\$ "
T+00 IF Y>9 THEN PF
";Y;" CHR\$ "
9190 NEXT I
9200 RAND USR 2591
9210 PRINT "
9220 IF INKEY\*
920 INT " ENU" Inkey\$<>"m" Then Goto 92

## AN UPDATE ON T.I. & T.I. ......KEN ARMSTRONG

9230 RETURN

Since my last tome, I've added 450 bucks worth of disc drive and expanded memory to the Texas Instruments Home Computer. This sale priced equipment [51400.00 regularily] completes the system, giving a total of 48K. More memory could be added, but is of questionable usefulness to the computer, as it's not easily accessable. Other peripherals to be added in time might include + printer, R5232 interface, modem, and speech synthesizer. Sale prices are about \$100.00 each except for the printer. The EXTENDED BASIC cartridge [\$100, of course] was added months ago, giving me the capability of SINCLAIR basic, with a few extra commands. It was the discounted clearance prices that eventually forced me into the disc system. [That and Dave Curry constantly quipping \$60 FOR THE \$YSTEM\$]. Of course he was correct, as the extra equipment gives greater speed, and accessability to more complex and much more interesting programs. [It's easy to become bored from the 16K limited games, unless you've mastered machine code.]

Expanding on these benefits and drawb; of disk and extra memory systems; following come to light. drawbacks the

9300 RAND USR 2591 9310 PRINT " ONTINUE ERINTE R ENU" 9320 IF INKEY\$="C" THEN GOTO 936 INKEY\$="C" THEN GOTO 936 Ø IF INKEY\$="P" THEN COPY
IF INKEY\$="M" THEN GOTO 200
GOTO 9320
LET P=0 9330 9340 9350 50. 9360 LET P=0 9370 CLS 9380 RETURN 9600 REM -> MEMORY STATUS <-9602 LET PROG=PEEK 16396+256\*PEE K 16397-16509 9604 LET VARI=PEEK 16404+256\*PEE 9604 LET VARI=PEEK 16404+256\*PEE 15400+256\*PEE 9350 9606 LET DISP=PEEK 16400+256\*PEE K 16401-PEEK 16396-256\*PEEK 1639 7 9608 LET AVAL = PEEK 16386+256\*PEE K 16387-PEEK 16412-256\*PEEK 1641 9610 CLS 9620 PRINT TAB 8;" ";TAB 8;" MEMOR "STETUS ";TAB 8 9630 PRINT AT 6,0; "PROGRAM USES
"; PROG; " BYTES"; AT 9,0; "VARIABLE
S USE "; VARI; " BYTES"; AT 12,0; "D
ISPLAY USES "; DISP; " BYTES"; AT 1
5,0; "THERE ARE "; AVAL; " BYTES AV
AILABLE"
9640 FOR X=1 TO 400
9650 NEXT X
9660 GOTO 200
9700 REM ->JUSTIFY DECIMAL <9710 IF JN=-.005 THEN LET JN=-.0
9720 IF JN=-.005 THEN LET JN=-.0 9720 IF JN=-.005 HEN LET JN=-.0 9730 LET JN=INT (100\*JN+.5)/100 9740 LET J\$=STR\$ JN 9750 IF J\$(1)="." THEN LET J\$="0 "+J\$ 9750 IF J\$(1) = . ... "+J\$

9760 FOR J=1 TO LEN J\$

9770 IF J\$(J) = "." THEN GOTO 9800

9780 NEXT J

9790 LET J\$=J\$+".00"

9800 IF J\$(LEN J\$-1) = "." THEN LE
T J\$=J\$+"0"

9810 LET JT=LEN J\$

9820 RETURN

9900 REM SAVE ROUTINE

9920 PRINT AT 5,5;"

AND DATA "; TAB 5;"

SAVE PROGRAM

ON PECORDE 9930 PRINT AT 10,5;"1) POSITION THE TAPE"; AT 12,5;"2) ON RECORDE R PRESS:"; TAB 8;" BECORD AND E R PRESS: ") TAB 8; " HEADE AND 9940 PRINT AT 15.5; "3) ALLOW TAP E TO RUN FOR "; TAB 8; "AT LEAST 2 0 SECONDS"; AT 18,5; "4) AVE OR ENU"
9950 IF INKEY\$="5" THEN GOTO 999 9960 IF INKEY\$="M" THEN GOTO 200 9970 GOTO 9950 9980 STOP

#### T.I.Update-Ken Armstrong-Cont.

9990 SAVE L\$

The disk manageme only 14K available. management system leaves

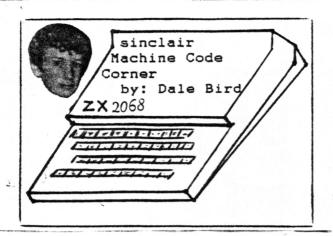
The Extended Basic language gives more commands, minimizes errors, is more forgiving, is more powerful, but also uses up memory.

A 6 minute cassette tape loads in 5 seconds on the disk system. As a matter of fact, it takes 5 or less seconds to save or load any size of program [that's how long it takes to scan a sector of the disk.]

The T.I. system uses single sided single density disks with 40 sectors sided,

My system includes, comsole[365], Extended Basic[3110], Recorder[370], 32K extra RAM[3100], Peripheral Expansion Box with disk drive and controller[3320], for a total of 3665. The initial list price for all this in 1981 would have been about 32500. Sounds like a bargain! However, the OL will likely eclipse this performance, tho' it is 1 years later and uses previously un and of technology.

I reccommend going for the system. By the time the components go on sale, there is the additional benefit of copious quantities of programs and peripherals. The Timex Sinclair is now in this situation. System prices are a fraction of those in 1981, so GO FOR IT.



In the future I will be writing this column frequently as Craig will be too busy.

This month I have constructed a machine code program for the 2068 which produces a graphics pattern. Just type in the program in listing 3 and RUN it, that will load the machine code for the DATA statements and POKE them in. To run the program you must type CLS:OVER 1: RANDOMIZE USR 32788 But before doing so SAVE it on tape because once the machine code has been run then there is no way of exiting the program. I have also put in a basic version of this program but its a little slowwer than the machine code one.

Listing 

12832-195 32833-2 32834-128

LD 8,255

LD HL,0

LD (23677),HL

LD DE,257

PUSH.BC

000 000 

HLL

RR L

SRL

RR. L

SRL H RR L

SRL H

RR L

B,L C,255 CALL 10259

POP BC PUSH BC LD C,B LD B,175

LD HL,0

LD (23677),HL

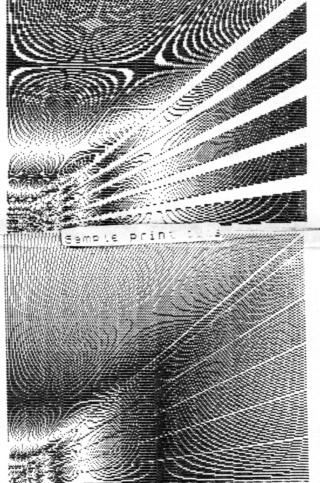
CALL 10259

POP 0E0 0E0 8888

JP 32770

10 LET N=255
20 POKE 23677,0: POKE 23678,0
REM POKE THE STARTING POINT OF
THE DRAW COMMAND TO 0,0
30 LET A=INT (N\*11/16)
40 DRAW 255,A
50 POKE 23677,0: POKE 23678,0
REM POKE THE STARTING POINT OF
THE DRAW COMMAND TO 0,0
60 DRAW N,175
70 LET N=N-3: IF N<0 THEN LET
N=N+256
80 GO TO 20

Listing 3
100 DATA 6,255,33,0,0,34
,17,1,1,197,38,0,104,72,6
1,41,9,9,9,203,60,203,20,20
110 DATA 203,29,203,60,20
03,60,203,23,59,14,255,20
,193,197,72,6,175,33,0,19
,195,2,128
130 FOF N=32758 TO 32834
140 READ a
150 POKE N
150 POKE N
150 POKE N
150 POKE N
150 POKE N 0,34,125,9 22,5,0,41, 29,203,29, 60,203,29, 5,205,19,4 0,0,34,125 92



If you have a simple machine code program you would like me to write for the Machine Code Corner, let me know.

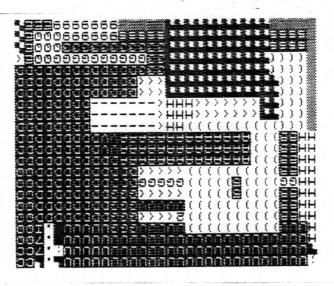
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PROGRAMS AVAÎLABLE AT NEXT MEETING OR SAND ORDER to: CRAIG BIRD 2001 CARRICK STREET VICTORIA, B.C. VSR2MS Include si per tape for P for

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What's he up to? They ask of Dave Skaalrud "with all those ZX's and other things?" We in the N/L committee snuck up to where he parked his mobile rolling laboratory and spied inside. Expecting to see a wired up whoopee dold or other fascination of apli-tech-tion.

Our voyeurism gleened the following bit of spectical on his tiny screen. A window to leer on the naked code, exposing at will the very secret parts, formerly private to the ZX/TS. The Listing is preliminary and serves for study... more later.

8192-THIS MENU-FOR PUSSY CAT
8211-STORE NEW SCREEN HERE
8229-RAMOP DOWN
8278-PROGRAM SAVER (PROGAID)
8313-MERGE (FAST MODE ONLY)
8378-REM MAKER; RAND NUMBER FIRST
8431-REM STATEMENT REMOVER
8477-REMOVE BASIC LINES
8503-RENUMBER BY 10 WITH FLAGS
8588-PRINT MEMORY LEFT
8603-PRINT MEMORY USED
8628-114 BYTES OF "WOW" CODE

9535 TO 10239 STORAGE FOR SCREEN

16000-TAPEREADER-PEEK16507>128? 16096-SCREEN REVERSER 16123-REM INVERSER 16162-COPYMISER. USE IN BASIC 16213-LAST ADDRESS

14516-BETTA BASIC-1284 BYTES



109LET I\$(5)=" UERY INTERESTING POSSIBILITIES"
15 GOTO 40
20 PRINT "ADDRESS OF MACHINE CODE"
30 INPUT A
40 POKE 16418,0
41 FOR N=0 TO 23
42 PRINT "

40 41 42 PRINT "

NEXT N

GOSUB 500

GOTO 800

LET B=INT (RND\*23)+1

PRINT AT 23,0;1\$(I)

LET I=INT (RND\*8)+1

PRINT AT 23,0;1\$(I)

LET C=INT (RND\*32)

LET C=INT (RND\*32)

LET E=INT (RND\*63)+(128-128-128)

LET F=INT (RND\*3)+2

IF INKEY\$="Z" THEN GOTO

IF INKEY\$="Z" THEN GOTO

IF INKEY\$="S" THEN GOTO

IF INKEY\$="S" THEN GOTO 43 45 46 50 51 52 50 70 80 (RND #63) + (128 \* ((R 90 D#2) 1001 101 102 103 104 ND 700 5 GOSUB (100\*G)
GOSUB (100\*G)
GOTO 50 B
POKE (A+5), C
POKE (A+20), F
POKE (A+20), F
POKE (A+20), F
POKE (A+44), C
POKE (A+44), C
POKE (A+45), C
POKE (A+45), C
POKE (A+59), F
POKE (A+59), F
POKE (A+59), C
POKE (A+59), C 110 120 200 310 310 330 330 350 350 350 350

380 RETURN
400 LET H=USR (A+94)
410 RETUSR (A+94)
500 LET S=USR (A+94)
510 PRINT AT 23,0;"A GRAPHIC DE
MONSTRATION. ANY KEY"
520 IF INKEY = ""
520 IF INKEY 523
601 LET D=0
802 LET B=23
802 LET E=0
804 LET F=136
805 GOTO D=0
807 GOTO U=0
1001 PRINT ""
1004 FOR NT = USA
1010 PRINT USA
1010 PRINT USA
1011 PRINT USA
1010 PRINT USA
1011 PRINT USA
1012 PRINT CAR
1021 PRINT CAR
1022 PRINT CAR
1022 PRINT CAR
1022 PRINT KEY
1020 CLS
2001 PRINT KEY
2002 CLS
2001 PRINT CAR
2002 CLS
2004 GOTO 4
9000 FOR NS
1000 FOR N

9: WHATS A SUY WITH TWO SINCLAIRS AND A TAPE RECORDER? A: A SUY WITH LOADING PROBLEMS!

Q: WHATS A GUY WITH TWO SINCLAIRS AND TWO TAPE RECORDERS? A: THE SAME GUY WITH MORE LOADING PROBLEMS!

9: WHAT DO YOU SAY WHEN YOU SEE A 6UY WITH 5 SINCLAIRS AND 8 TAPE RECORDERS: A: "HI DAVE."

Continued

## ..THE PIRATE'S CORNER.....

While Jake travelled south into the land of the silicon chip, I ventured north to Nanaimo, where the dollar is still at par. In a little shop called THE COMPUTER CLINIC I came across some living and breathing BBC and ORIC computers. Quite impressive. There on the shelves were SINCLAIR goodies. A good collection of programs plus a few pieces of hardware, all for the ZX81. The word from them on the 2068 is, 00000. NOTHING. Jake was to check what the situation is like down south, any news will be good.

On making a few phone calls recently, I've found that most have been spending the summer with the computers under wraps, like me, and are now getting keen once again.

The only new books I've been reading in the last few months have been magazines. The English one's are excellent, containing good programs, and informational articles. The proagrams are usually in machine code, so I've been trying to read up. I think a course on the subject would be the answer. Computer School, here I come.

The programs that I've been playing with are the old one's. I've been going through VUcalc, WSII, and PENETRATOR. Plus lots of little exercises, a lot like reading light books. Well, Fall is here, so we'll get into more heavy going.

Nuff said....

AUG 22,1984 Ken Kenney #1211-1115 Nelson, VANCOUVER, B. C. V6E 1J4

Have just today had a look at two of your News Letters and despite the fact it was only yesterday that I mailed you my membership application and fee; I just cannot resist sending you folk a resounding WELL DONE! GOOD SHOW! - really!

Aside from trying the fatten print routine and complimenting you all for what looks like a great job I would like to get my two-bits worth in re:THE FIRSTLO ADER program

My knowledge of M/C (& a great deal of everything else) is very limited BUT I can at least take pride in the ability to follow simple instructions. ANYUAY, I had enormous trouble with that Firstloader affair but maybe, just MAYBE I have stumbled upon something critical. I am not in the least certain if the filter came first or last. Does not matter as the END RESULT IS, OR UAS %99.99 success.

What I believe finally did it was the tedious job of RE-SAVING all the programs I wished to transfer to 2068 tape-format onto brand-new, good quality, virgin tapes (2); and all saved (need I say it?) at precisely the same level. level.

---That done, I spent 10 minutes making up a filter as per the SYNTAX article (Dec 83). Just a .22uf cap IN the EAR plug line & a 1% resistor across the computer side of the cord.

NOW COMES THE UNBELIEVABLE part! Haybe it is my TS 2050 2020 recorder (but more likely a plain fluke) but when I was set-up to begin; with an ear plug to catch the silent part of the tape etc.;---I JUST TURNED EVERYTING U I D E O P E N!---- and the ZX/TS programs loaded into the 2068 like magic!

I have transfered SEVENTY-TUO programs, of which ONLY TUO failed to load first time!!!

To summarize:

1) Make new copies of the

ZX/TS programs on NEW TAPES

2) Use a filter.

3) Get WELL INTO the silent bit just before the program proper BEFORE activating the RANDOMIZE USR 45000 call -- and however silly it may sound BE SURE YOU ARE USING RANDOMIZE (not RAND) and USR (not U,S,R)!

4) And, at least for my set-up, SET THE VOLUME WIDE OPEN
----and let/er rip!

Well chaps, that is my effort for this time. Have been trying to get this fat-print thing to work automaticaly. Really don't know what I am doing. Just playing around with IF PEEK 23692 THEN RANDOMIZE (and COPY) (maybe OPEN #2, "p"-instead). It's half working:- the first 4 paragraphs were printed out in one shot. BUT look at all that wasted paper. ha in on sted paper.

Am I ever behind you fellows in your efforts to provide support for the 2068 - without having to bang our foreheads at Uncle Sams feet everytime we want to get ripped-off, AND REMAIN, with all best wishes for every success,

ere/per



#### Programming In Basic

BY BRIAN FOWLER

Writing Your Own a.k.a. Program Development Cycle



As you know, the easiest ways to acquire software for your computer are; to shell out some dollars to the local merchant (or mail order) and buy it, find some public domain software that will do the job you want and key it into the computer (can be long and tedious), find a piece of general software and customize it to suit your needs, or you write your own.

If the software you are looking for is not availible, you have no choice but to write your own. When you have finished, you will have a program that will meet your exacting and specific requirements. Who knows, you may find out that others have a need for such a program, and make a handsome profit from its sales.

Some people are very lucky, in that they can write a concise, user-fiendly, working program, "By the seat of their pants" (Consider yourself lucky if you are in this 1%). Most of us though, must follow a set of steps, to create a good program. This procedure is called the Software Development Cycle.

I am not proposing any shortcuts or a way out of completeing the peliminaries. I am giving you a very simple, straightforward process to design a USEABLE PROGRAM.

Unless you are one of those lucky few, this process may be easier for you to use. The most important thing to remember is, "Don't be in a hurry to code!". The more time you spend with a pencil (Programmers ONLY use Pencils) and paper, in the initial design stages; the better your chances are of completing a program that will run. Remember, there are No Shortcuts to Successful Programming. Always keep in mind the Program Development Cycle: Always keep in Development Cycle:

> \* Amalyze your needs \* HMAIGZE your needs
> \* Design the specifications
> \* Flowchart your solution
> \* Code from your flowchart
> \* Test your code thoroughly
> \* Debug your program completely

A computer works only as well as the program in its memoory. If you do not know what you want the program to do, valuable time can be spent "Stumbling around in the dark". A good place to start (with your pencil and paper), is with the output. Since most user-friendly software is menu driven, you could begin by laying out on paper any memus, and the final output for your program. Next, you could design the input, with the prompts and input screens properly laid out.

\* Keep up-to-date documentation

you have finished designing the put, and input screens. It is Once you have finished designing the memus, output, and input screems. It is now time to draw the flowchart (more about this in a future column) of the complete program. This should be the longest part of the design process. These should detail the entire logic of the program. Subroutines, complex calculations, or any other part of the program that you feel, should have detailed individual flowcharts. Proper flowcharting, and expanding the main chart in detail, will help you to understand the process of the program, and help to eliminate logic bugs. Don't hesitate to walk through your chart with some simulated data. Restructure it if you find any bugs.

With the flowcharts all finished, now finally you can begin coding your program from the flowcharts, into the computer. The coding procedure only deals with the translation from the flowchart into Basic. The only problems that should be encountered are syntax errors. Hopefully, you encountered the logic errors in the flowcharting analysis.

Proper design, good programming techniques, and stub testing should make testing and debugging a fairly easy process. Test the program module by module. Proceed to the next, and more detailed modules, only after satisfactory results have been obtained.

Nobody is perfect, so if logic errors are detected, or you just want to make enhancements to the software, don't immediately apply them to code. Go back to the design and analysis stages. You should think them through, and make the Changes in the flowcharts, before altering the program.

you will soon find that efficiently coded, modular programs are easier to maintain, and if the need arises, they are easier to modify.

Now you have a piece of software that works. You designed, coded, and debugged it, and them you tested it to make sure. There is only one more thing to do. Prepare yourself a User Manual, describing all the prompts, RUN procedures (Whether to use the RUN command or a GOTO command to execute the program), and how to handle any error conditions that may arise. Don't try to kid yourself into believing that you'll be able to remember all the program idiosyncracies forever; you'll find that soon afterwards, it may seem as if someone else wrote it!

Keep the specifications, flowcharts program listing, and documentation (More on Documentation in a future column) in a safe place. Don't forget to make several copies of your working program.

CONGRATULATIONS: You have just designed and produced an efficient computer program using the Program Development Cycle (Now that wasn't hard was it??).

Next Month step-by-step meth general softare. onth I Will show method for cus 400 customizing

If you have any queries, comments, or questions about the column, or you just need some help with a programming problem give me a call at 338-9353, or drop me iline c/o Victoria Sync Association. see you next month! Brian...

and even more...

Here is a little list that I found in an old issue of Timex-3inclair User magazine. It's called, oddly enough, "Program Development Cycle". For more details, read "Programming In Basic" in this month's newsletter.

- 1. Decide what type of program you want, and what you want it to do. It is best to write it as a series of statements in plain english.
- 2. Decide how you are to handle the task and whether it can be done with your machine, and the level of experience you
- 3. Break the task into a series of headings and sub-headings. For example, most programs need some form of instructive display to act as an entry procedure, a calculation procedure, and an output procedure. They must be tailored to meet your needs.
- 4. Draw a flowchart. That should take a long time in many cases. It's a good idea to draw several charts, expanding the most important boxes in the main one. In that way, you will know the concepts of the program before you begin coding.
- 5. Coding the program. The code (language), should be laid out in separate modules. The control module should be put at the top, as it's the part of the program which will be used the most. Each module should be complete and "GOTO" statements should be to a local module, if
- 6. Clear system bugs. In long programs, bugs or errors, are liable to occur frequently. Bugs occur usually in the data entry parts of the program and in the flow structure. Flowchart design and structured programs will not dispose of all bugs, but it will eliminate a few.

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BY DALE BIRD

LISTING Number 1.-for 2068

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859 DATA 0,0,4,4,4,0
859 DATA 0,0,2,2,3,5,1,0
869 DATA 0,0,2,2,3,5,5,5,0
869 DATA 0,0,5,5,5,5,5,0
860 DATA 0,0,5,5,5,5,0
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This program for the 2060 prints on the Printer and on the Streen in 64 column print. WITH THIS PROGRAM IT IS ADVISED YOU USE ALL CAPITALS AS THEY ARE HORE READABLE. 64 COLUMNS ARE HOTAINED BY HAVING 2 CHARACTER SETS DESIGNED ON A 4×8 CRID INSTEAD OF DW A 4×8 CRID SO IT CAN SQUEEZE 2 CHARACTERS ON EACH 1 8×8 CHARACTER BLOCK USING THE OVER COMMAND.

LISTING Number 20. - for ALL

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10 IF PEEK 23607<>60 THEN GO TO 100

15 C&EAR 64399
20 LE% a=64500
30 POKE 2360%,INT (a/256)-1
40 POKE 23606,%-256*PEEK 23607
-256
50 FOR n=0 TO 767
60 POKE n+a,PEEK (15616+n)
70 NEXT n
100 PAPER %
1%0 INK 0: GO SUB 9000
12% I%PUT a%: DIM a(8,8): DIM b
(8,8)
121 IF CODE (a$)>143 THEN LET a
$=CHR$ (CODE (a$)>143 THEN LET a
$=CHR$
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G: HOW DO YOU TELL A REAL SINCLAIR FANT A: IT HAS NO SWITCH AND IT HAS A LARSE POWER PACK, TO PLUG INTO THE WALL!

9: WHAT DID SIR CLIVE SAY WHEN HE FIRST SAW A ZX81 LOAD CORRECTLY: A: THANK GOD IT'S ONLY JULY 1984:

IN OAK BAY YOU SAY? A CLIVE DRIVE? A SPECTRUM SCHOOL OUTSIDE OF VICTORIA AND THE SOCREDS OUT OF OFFICE BY 2068?

DEFINITION: BORN LOSER! A MAN WITH TWO SINCLAIRS

G: WHAT DO YOU GIVE A MAN WITH TWO SINCLAIRS? A: TITLE TO THE BROOKLYN BRIDGE!

A MAN WALKING DOWN THE STREET WITH TWO SINCLAIRS - ANOTHER MAN SAYS "WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT GARBAGE?" ...
"HE'S OUR OWNER!".

G: WHAT DOES CLIVE SINCLAIR DO WI' DEFECTIVE IXB1? A: HE SELLS THEM!

STEPS TO DISCOVER A DEFECTIVE SINCLAIR.
1. OPEN BOX.
2. READ LOGO.
3. GOTO 1.

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WELL. Here it is September, and I have just returned from the good of USA. I did not get to check out as much computer connection stuff as I would have liked, but what I did find out was interesting. Coupled with some news from Sary Faryon on my return, it adds up to good news and bad Sary Faryon on my return, news, folks.

First, the bad news. If you are holding back buying a 2068 or 2068 related equipment or software while waiting for the price to drop, you may have to wait quite

Now, the good news. If you are worried about availability of such stuff, take heart. I base my opinion on a visit to an outfit called Sunset Electronics, located at 2254 Taraval St. San Francisco, CA 94116. I have their catalogue or you can order one from them for a non-beaver nuck. (Save your money, it's not a great catalogue, no sexy equipment to drool over, no good informative description, just the names and prices folks.)

Sunset is located in a semi-genteel area about six plocks north of the San Francisco Zoo. It is a small store that handles T/S goodies and Commodore, with, strangely enough, more T/S than Commodore. They had lots of 2068 software. They had both modems in stock. They had 2068's. They had T/S 1000's. They had RAM packs. They had T/S 2040 printers, and they had Alphacom 32's (The 2040 as now labelled and marketed by the manufacturer, as the former Timex. now Westridge, modem.)

orinters, and they had Alphacom 32's (The 2040 as now labelled and marketed by the manufacturer, as the former Timex, now Westridge, modem.)

They also had the two dumbest bozos I have ever encountered working in a computer store. The owner was not present, so don't blame him. But take my word for it, it would be economic suicide to phone this outfit to get information. I wanted a book on interfacing of peripherals. The orice was not marked on the book. "How much is this book?" I asked Bozo I. He looked up from his novel. He examined the cover and inside pages, much as I had just done. "Hey, what's the price on this book?" he called out to the rear of the store. "What book?" called out Bozo II. (Bozo II never did appear, he remained out of view behind a divider, where he must have been reading because I could not discern any keyboard hacking or sleeping noises.)

Bozo I called out the name of the book. I went on browsing. I decided I would like to see some of the available software running, because we all have been stuck with a Circuit Board Scramble or an Androids at some time. I asked Bozo I. He said that they were not allowed to do that. He had only been working there a week, and the boss had specifically told him not to do that. Well, how much is it? The prices are in the catalog. He started to look annoyed with my interruption of his reading. I browsed through the catalog. When finished, I inquired again about the price of the book. He looked really annoyed. He called out again to Bozo II, who again called out "What book?", and Bozo I called out the name again. This time, though, Bozo I got up and walked over to the bookshelf to examine the covers of the other books, much in the manner that I had back at the beginning. Then he went back to his book. I tried to load some adventure software (Fall of the Third Reich) onto the 2068 with the Timex Recorder. Four tries and oad read reports every time, even with both sides

e cassette. (The cassette was already in the machine, didn't ask the permission of either Bozo.) Judging the cassette. from the appearance and performance, I would stick with the old Brand X tape recorder.

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old Brand X tape recorder.

I returned to the front desk. "Well?" "What?" "How much is the book?" And you know it, the same old routine. But this time, after five minutes, we got a reply.

So much for service. Don't be too critical, though. Throughout my visit, my 15 year old daughter was first surprised, then amazed, by the continual sightings (for her, the first time in her lifetime) of HELP MANTED signs. The economy is booming down there, and the quality of staff in store/restaurant into understanding to the continual sightings.

of staff in store/restaurant jobs understandbly is not up to the Canadian model of university graduates only.

Back to computing. The prices have not slipped at all in the last six months. To me, a sign that the bottom has been reached. On my return, I talked with Gary. He has connected with an outfit that gave him a delivery in two weeks. A retailer's newsletter that he got says that products for the 2068 are now increasing. He has ordered a directory that contains the names and numbers of 2000 2068 but and Micropäce. Sounds like the early days of ZX80 and Micropäce. directory that concern numbers with modems.

and Microace.

What I bought: A good copy of the 2068 schematic.

(The Technical Manual that I mentioned last month has still not arrived, but I did get a note on my return that said, sorry, they were temporarily out of stock, but that they would ship it as soon as they got more. From Timex???? What next? A magazine from the Publishers of Creative Computing?

A damn fine book on interfacing. To be reviewed in next month's issue.

The Zeus Assembler. Review right here and right.

Having bought the above item like a pig in a poke. I had lots of worries about what it would be like when I got it back home. I lucked out. Having worked with both ZXAS and Aknai's Assembler, I have no hestation in saying that this combines not just the best features, but all functions of both, and then proceeds to supply all kinds super utilities. Excellent manual, and without question the most professional piece of software that I have ever run on a Sinclair computer. An unqualified 'must-have' for the assembly language programmer. It makes the assemblers

run on a Sinclair computer. An unqualified 'must-have' for the assembly language programmer. It makes the assemblers for the ZX81 look primitive.

Also bought: Four fast-loading programs from Mindware for the ZX81, at the price of a buck each.

Filot: Total dog. Slow, you only see the gauges, a real classic garbage ciece.

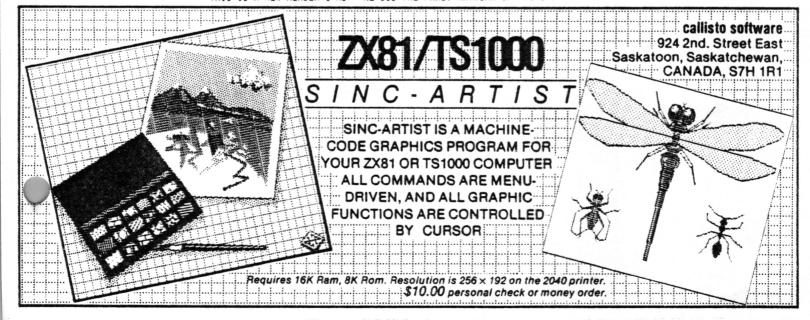
Sulp: A maze game. I give it a 2. When you eat up all the dots, that's it. Software collectors only.

Labyrinth: Haven't tried it yet.

Cosmos: At last, a winner! I played this space shoot-em-up for an hour when I first loaded it. played it some more that night, and even left the auto-running cisplay on and sat back and watched it. A 10. See it at the meeting.

the meeting. Well, that's all folks. Next month Uncle Jake expects to have his modem. The month after that Uncle Jake expects to have a five pound phone bill.

THIS IS A NEW MEMBER'S AD - HE DID THE FANCY ARTWORK IN THE LAST ISSUE



#### 2068 - SUPPLEMENTARY

#### 2068 List

There has been a few requests from members to print a list of 2068 owners. We hope to add around 10 more names to this by next issue.

Doug Couzens Dave Curry Gary Faron Tom Carron Dee Shoolingin Dale Bird Stu Montgomery Rudy Rugg Jake Lieberherr

#### 2068 PROGRAM POOL

As the 2068 grows in our of the demand for good programs grows with it. To satisfy the need we have instituted the Program Pool.

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The pools function is to make available programs at a Very Low Cost. Ranging from \$1. for a simple game to \$13. for a powerfull word processor.

The Pool is generating most programs from local Programers. The Pool will start off with 25 excellent programs. They will be available by Oct.1/84 through Jake or Gary and at the next meeting.

#### Loading Tip

If you ever run into a bought or special program and could not quite load it, you might try this. ist Make sure your getting a good sound track by pulling the ear plug out and listening to it. If your not sure and don't have a Winkey Board to test it with turn the volumn low until you can just hear it. Then with a tiny screwdriver adjust the play heads through the hole in the case near the recording heads. Start the tape playing you wish to load. Insert the screwdriver until you can feel the screw under it. Remembering how far you turn it, turn the screw slowly first one way then the other untill you hear the loadest sound. Then turn up the volume to it's highest level, rewind the tape to the start and try to load again. Keep the screwdriver handy because after you have loaded the program you will want to return the head to its orginal position. This should correct most the problems you will have with loading tapes.



## Outlook Bright for

## New Products and Services

Buyer's Corner the Market.

Immediately after TIMEX quit the computer business, it was kind of hard to tell where TIMEX-Sinclair computing was going in the United States. For computer owners, it was a matter of worrying about where you'd get support for the computers you had bought. For businesses like E. Arthur Brown Company, it was a matter of whether we could make enough money giving that support to pay for expenses and make a profit.

Things looked pretty bleak there for a while. With all of the screw-ups and poor management from TIMEX, most dealers and distributors hadn't been making any money for quite some time the big announcement. The TS2068 looked like it was going to pull us all back on track. But TIMEX started messing up the market for that one, too. Then, when TIMEX quit, many dealers just decided they'd had enough and gave it up. You get to a point where you're tired of fighting after awhile.

Now that the dust has settled, I can see a bright star on the horizon for TIMEX computerists and Sinclair computers in the U.S. Unlike other companies that quit computers (ie. Texas Instruments), TIMEX wasn't the brains behind their machines. Sinclair Re-

search of England designed them. Now, they're quite healthy and happy with the computer business. Their ZX Spectrum, essentially the same computer as the TIMEX 2068, has sold over a million units world wide. They've even made a deal with an oriental campany to manufacture the popular ZX-81 computers again. These essentially the same as the TIMEX 1000. Finally, Sinclair plans to re-enter the U.S. market this Fall with the Spectrum and ZX-81 as well as their new business computer, the Q.L.

Most of the software and peripherals that work on Spectrums and ZX-81s will work on TS2068s and TS1000s with little or no modification. This means that TIMEX computer owners will again have the support of a major manufacturer. It also means a continuing market for companies who sell to TIMEX and Sinclair owners. And, its a message of stability to software and peripheral developers who need to know there's a future before investing in new products.

Aiready the flood of converted Spectrum software and peripherals has begun. For Example the new Tasman line of RS232 and Centronics interfaces, word processing, and utility software. A new line of English games is

in here, too. And, the RGB conversion kit for those of you who want the perfect picture afforded by RGB monitors. All of these are brand new products for your TS2068 computer. Even more are coming!

Many of you are probably wondering when the microdrives will be available. They've been available for some time now in England. I expect them in the U.S. this Fall or early '85 when Sinclair will be selling them. In the mean time, Some Stores are importing a commercial mini-disk drive from that country. It's supposed to handle a megabyte of data and cost around \$300. You'll spend about as much or more for less memory on 8 microdrives, but the mini-disk unit won't create such clutter on your desk. I suspect Sinclair is thinking along the same lines... Rumor has it he struck a deal with Hitachi for a mini-disk drive.

On the home front, there are some rugged individualists that have answered the call to keep the public informed. The major magazines may have folded, but you can get some pretty top notch information from TS Horizons. Yes, the outlook is bright for owners of TIMEX and Sinclair computers. We'll try to keep you informed as we search out and find the latest new products.

As far as the future of North American production of the T/S 1000 & 2058 is concearned the rumors are flying. It is reported that as many as 14 interests are trying to obtain Timex's old production rights. Mean while Sir

Clive has announced that his Sinclair ZX/81, Spectrum, and the QL will be marketed in North America by Sinclair. This latest plan of attack is to start this Fall and be in full operation by Spring 85. e iñ 35.

#### The 2068 Super System.

Still a Big Future.

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We all know the first TIMEX computer was more than a toy. In fact, it was e computer than most people ever realized. But it got caught in the middle of the computer price wars of 1983 and was a tremendous defeat for TIMEX. Business gossip sheets like the Wall Street Journal were predicting that TIMEX was going to fold it's computer division

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TIMEX set themselves to the task of designing the best machine they could. They decided they'd rather be the best, not the cheapest. The result is the new TIMEX 2068 Professional computer.

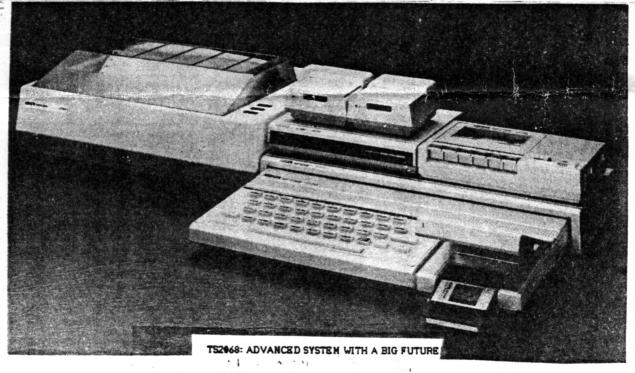
Since it's quiet release in November, the TS2868 has been an overwhelming success. With very little advertising, it's been tough producing enough of them to keep up with sales. Every computer magazine and trade journal that's tested it has given it rave reviews. And for good reason. It's capable of 16 color displays with up to 512 X 192 resolution. It has a full typewriter format keyboard with dual shifts, caps, and space bar. It has 72% of memory of which 24% is a sophisticated operating system and 48K is useable RAM. It's cartridge port can hold an additional 56K of programming. It's futuristic bank switching facility can handle up to 16 Megabytes of memory. This sort of memory is unprecedented... you haven't seen it in any other personal computer at ANY price. Programming the TS2068 is a cinch. It has the world famous Sinclair BASIC language... ng one touch entry of commands along with extended functions not normally sold with a

stock computer. For example, programming a sine wave on the TS2968 takes only 5 steps. It es 15 steps on a Commodore 64. Concentric multicolored circles take 6 steps on the TS2068, 21 on the C-64, A Semi circle takes 2 steps, 16 on the Commodore 64. And, you don't have to wait until you run the program to find bugs. The TS2068 has automatic syntax error checking... it knows what co mands you're d to give it and it tells you as you program!

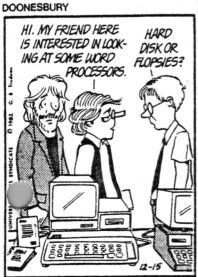
TS2068 has some remarkable visual capabilities. You can display up to 64 characters on the screen. The "screen" can be anything from a black and white or color TV reen or amber monitor, to a composite video or monitor, to an RGB color/green monitor... it can handle the best monitors available, but since it doesn't have to, you can grow with it. There are sophisticated synthesis features, too. Up to 4 channels or sounds can be running at the same time, each somewhere in it's own 8 possible

I tend to run off at the mouth a bit when I write about this machine... there's so much to tell. But, it'll have to be cut short to leave space for a description of the TS 2068 "System." It appears that TIMEX wanted to e nothing to chance. This computer had to be so far ahead of things it couldn't fail.
The first part of the system is the expansion bus. For approximately  $f \neq 0.0$ , this unit provides the interface and controller for up to 8 of the new microdrives, a standard ntronics Parallel Interface, a standard

RS232 Interface with selectable baud rate, a standard Composite video port, a standard RGB port, networking capability for an up to 64 puter network, CP/M mode with optional 32K of additional RAM, and an auxiliary audio output jack. Essentially, the expansion bus permits you to connect your TS2068 to virtually any peripheral on the market. Mass memory storage is another flexible part of the TS2868 system. Start out with the TS2828 Program recorder, only 149.95. When you're ready, step up to the microdrives. These ultra high speed drives hold about 85K of storage and transfer 48K in approximately 9 seconds. You access files in 3.5 seconds. This is faster than many disk drives! The technology is in an advanced specially lubricated tape LOOP with stationary head. The drives are inexpensive (about \$169) small, labout the size of a hockey puclo, and you can have up to 8 of them going at once! TIMEX has selected the Mannesman-Tally full size letter quality printer. Rather than go with a cheap 12 character per second daisy seel printer, they opted for a top quality, 80 character per second dot matrix. It's a little more expensive, but a whole lot better. this printer uses a rectangular dot format that meets edge to edge. Combined with a high density matrix, you get characters you'd need a to typewriter quality, magnifying glass to tell the difference. So, you can use it for important correspondence. Because it's dot matrix, you can also use it for graphics. Like I say, TIMEX wanted to cover all bases! The TIMEX version of this rinter will sell for around \$325.



4: How many computer programmers does it take to change a lightbulb?
4: None - that's a hardware problem!









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Product Review: 2050 Modems...

For TS1000, TS1500, and TS2068 Computers)
compiled by Gary Faryon

There is allways a lot of caution when a new product is launched. We have heard some deceptive rumors about the the new Westridge (7/S) 2050 Modem but these rumors have been over-shadowed by rave Magazine & User Group Reviews. This not to mention the fact that the 2050 giving us the the lowest return rate in Timex-Sinclair product history, has lead us to believe that this may be the most reliable (7/S) product yet.

The 2050 is a well finished commercial product manufactured by a company that specializes in modems. You don't have to be a programer or electronics expert to use it. The 2050 Modem works with <u>all</u> Timex computers (TS 1000, 1500, & the 2068) and comes with good operating software and an extensive, professionally printed instruction manual. Just plug it into your computer & phone jack, load the software, and your ready to communicate with any computer in the world!

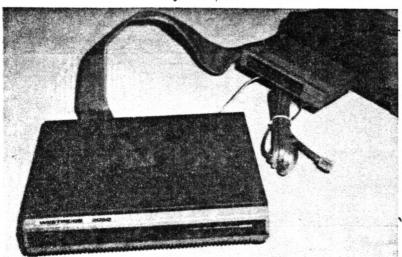
Other features of the 2050 Modem include auto-dialing and answering. You don't need a telephone. You dial directly from the keyboard. If you leave the modem & computer turned on, it will answer the phone as well!

There are a lot of technical terms associated with modems. So as not to confuse things, the 2050 is preset to communicate with all of the special services like Compusere, The Source, to name only a few. But, right from the menu you can re-set these parameters using plain english terminology. Select half or full duplex, odd, even or no parity. You can set word size for 5, 6,7, or 8 bits. And, you can select 1 or 2 stop bits. The 2050 operates at 300 Baud, so it gets the lowest hourly rates on information services but is longer on long distance calls. You can print out what your watching on your 2040 or other printer.

Westridge allso has a new Modem Upgrade package called "Smart 2 Software". This new terminal software for the 2068 adds more power to your 2050 Modem. You get all of the features of the regular software alus the ability to down & upload data & programs from & to memory. For example, you don't have to type every-thing while your're "on line" with another computer. Get it all entered into memory beforehand & then download it at computer speed when you connect with another computer. You can also receive data into memory from other computers with this software. Smart 2 also contains a data base which allows you to maintain a file of phone numbers, access codes, and passwords. Using this data base, & the auto dial feature of the Modem you can instantly connect with information services, bulletin boards, ect. all at the touch of a button!

A product review comparing the 2050 Modem with the other compatible Modem on the market can be read in the Vancouver Users Group newsleter (Sept.). Briefly they prefer the 2050 to the more expensive and cumbersome Byte Back MD-2 Modem. Thanks again to our friends in Vancouver I am going to close with a list of bulletin boards you can access with your Modem.

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Satyricon	438- 2468	Vancouver	Low! charge		
Crackshop 2	251-4043	Vancouver	Low! charge		
TUG Systems	946-0955	Vancouver	Free		
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Zebra Systems 21:	2 296 2229	new York	Free!!!		
See Jake for Victoria & other BBS (Bulletin Boards)					



The Westridge 2050 Modem (\$180.-\$200. Cdn.)

We will have a 2050 Modem at the Oct. Meeting. If we can use Alisons phone we will have a full demo.

#### RATING GAME

SUBMITTED BY : GARY FAREN

Below you will find a quick review of some 2068 software & peripherals. Each item is named with a very brief discription and a rating. The ratings are based on a five star system, one star is poor and five excellent.

Crazybugs is a "crazy" fun-fill
-ed game in which you must move
quickly through the maze, grabing eggs and unlocking the locks
as you go-without being bitten
by the bugs. If you win, you'll
find the secret door and pass up
to a more difficult level. Only
the 'grand prize' winner will
have a chance to defeat the
super bug. (S. Hughes 1983 \*\*\*

Two programs CHECKBOOK creates monthly transactions using the Peg-board system to categorize expences. ACONPAY creates a perpetual file from enter outstanding unpaids bills.

Two programs: AOREC keeps a perpetual file of all invoices. Enter current date will show all overdue accounts & keep track of dunning letters sent. CUFILE is a monthly file of customers or sales. Prepares itemized invoice and has cross-reference capabilities to determine the monthly sales, included Taxes collected, materials cost and labor charges. Create database for AOREC to determine unpaid bills.

Special Feature: Voice activated Laser weapons. Imagine yourself pitted against Cyber's Ultra accurate laser fire. The situation is tense as you avoid the swooping, spinning, fighters coming to get you. Can you stay alive long enough to chip away at his left foot. His only vulnerable spot.

5 levels of play and exciting graphics.@30FT-3YNC

The professional word processer for the TS 2068 which some say is better that WordStar Tw. Featuring: Machine Code for fast operation, 64 characters per line to TV, Monitor, full-size or T/S 2040 Printer, Automatic word-wrap to keep text neat, Block move or copy, Insert mode anywhere, Margin setting, Center line great for headings, Reforming or entire paragraph you have edited, Scroll fast Up and down, Find-Dig out specific word and replaces it.Comes with manual and Tutor program.

Chart your course. Develop numerical charts and use that data to produce color graphs of pie, bar or line graphs. Single set of data can display as four differebt charts. @Timex1983.

A level two, 4D, Space Time, Sci-Fiction, Arcade, Adventure game. A hero is needed to fly back in time before the evil Swarm controlled the universe. You must find the alien planet and destroy it. Great graphics. Best selling game in England.

Be the guardian of the seas, in this high-scoring, navel, adcade-type, 3-D Game. You must purse the remote-controlled droid warships and sink them with nuclear & conventional missles, before they get you or your time runs out.

Hilarious adventure game in which you help Horace tease the park rangers by stealing lunchs, eating flowers, and ringing alarms-but don't let the guards catch Horace or all is lost. Increasing levels of play provide a real challenge to the novice as wellos the expert.

#### Peripherals

LIGHT PEN (zerbra)

Add a lightPen to your computer, Complete package includes light pen, Computer interface module, Multile choose demo program and Light pen game.

#### PRINTER (MANNESMANN-TALLY 80)

This was the printer Timex had choose to be the TS 2080 80 column printer. It's square dot matrix printing that moves this machine to one of the top letter quality printers. Also featured are Tractor or plain paper feed, Full graphics, a special builtin character set, plus many more. Without Centronics interface.

#### JOYSTICKS TS 2090

This joysticks were rated #1 by Acrade Magizine. They offer 9 position control and fire button

#### INTERFACE PRINTER

Serial interface which includes a 3 foot cable, LList and LPRINT software and Fast M/C Hi-Res. Screen copy routines. Use with the Epson, Star, Seiklsha, Gorilla Banana, and Radio Shack COLOR) printers.
TASMAN SERIAL I/O

#### ROMSWITCH

Install this device INSIDE your T/S 2068 and you can run practically all British ZX Spectrum programs plus your regular T/S 2068 Casssttes. Easy installation; nosoldering, or drilling. Runs. up to 25% more than the chameleon (EMU). There are thousands, many in the US, good spectrums programs to chose from. (Warranty Voided by opening computer.)

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